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WE OWE A DUTY TO THE POOR.
There has probably been no period in the history of the United States when our people were more in need of some passive assistance than they are at the present time. For some time back the wheels of almost every industry have been paralyzed, and, as a result, thousands have been thrown out of every regular means of subsistence all over our wide domain. Privation, distress and poverty want have become widespread and have, therefore, played sad havoc among the working population. But, be it remembered, we are not here for the moment to chronicle the causes, and to present, or even to suggest, a remedy for this lamentable depression. We have touched upon that phase of the subject in other articles and at other times. We now, and once more, wish to express the earnest hope that that confidence between man and man, so essential to our own national welfare and prosperity, may soon be restored.

We are here more today—Christmas day—to plead the cause of the deserving poor for it should never be said that in this land of sunshine and plenty one single soul has ever suffered for the immediate necessities of life. This would not be in accordance with the pretensions and character of the American people, and, moreover, never should be. They belong to a noble ilk, and have ever been conspicuous for their sympathy and practical aid in times of need. Neither would it be in consonance with the golden precept of the Great Master. "Deal out thy bread to the hungry—if thou seest the naked, clothe him, and bring the poor that are cast out into thy house." Our people, like their fathers of old, will meet the necessities of the occasion, and grant the required aid. The walls of mothers and the pathetic strains of suffering children should never grate unheeded on American ears, and Los Angeles has always been a covenant to herself on occasions of this kind, and has never once faltered on her path of duty. What she has been in the past is but an index to her future action. Her Associated Charities, composed of sincere and earnest workers, who "never weary in well doing," are as a strong bond upon herself in the higher and nobler interests of the people.

But, in order to accomplish more, and make success doubly sure, acquisitions to the ranks of the Associated Charities are essential. And here a difficulty often looms up. Many people who are considering the difficulty of success in any movement, cannot be regarded as satisfactory. Success in anything has never yet been attained without dogged perseverance, and certainly the work of the charitable is no exception to the universal rule, for its duties and obligations demand judgment of the very highest order. Of course no one expects perfection. Mistakes will transpire, and they are sure to crowd themselves into the work of the benevolent, as well as anything else, and the responsibility for their occurrence cannot always be justly fixed. But where is the task worthy of performance that is devoid of difficulty? The voice of Nature and the lives of men are silent as to the answer. The sun shines on many a fair blossom that never yields fruit, and the glorious clouds pour down their bounties on many a barren field. Education fails in its purpose to the extent of at least 75 per cent. Moral training and the laws of husbandry have been partial failures since the days of the flood. Even the preacher often fails; but where is the man who would abandon his work because good results are not always apparent?

Man is unanswerable for duty, but not for results. And so with faith in a promised blessing. Our preachers are required to preach in and out of season, to sow beside all waters; and we must never cease our charities. The cold ingratitude of the world should not freeze our hearts. Jesus Christ Himself met with much of this in His young life, yet the fountains of His heart were ever full, and never ceased to flow. His miracles yielded no return, nor, out of thousands to whom He imparted vigor, whose tongues were unloosed, on whose blind eyes He had poured light, was one to cry out, "Cruelty Him!" Yet His works of beneficence were as a mighty river, rolling on to the ocean of good deeds done.

So let it be with our sympathies and charities. May our hearts sweeten with advancing age, and, like our golden fruits, grow less hard and more tender as they ripen to their fall.

day season. It is an awful shame that any one should be permitted to go hungry in this land, so rich in all that goes to make life worth living. But to actually starve to death—that is horrible!

The last act in the Brazilian melodrama is the cutting off of revenue collections by the insurgents. A Pelkotto without funds will find that running a republic is pretty hard sledding. Yet Mello is doing no more for Brazil than is Wilson, with his little bill, for the United States. Grover and his crowd are sailing us alongside of riotous Rio.

The deficit in the income of Uncle Sam promises to reach the proportions of a yawning chasm, when the Wilson bill gets fairly in working order. The government's employees will need to learn the art of standing off the butcher, for wages are usually the last thing paid when the payer's income has been curtailed.

A copy of yesterday's Times will make a handsome Christmas present for the dweller hereabouts to send to the "old folks" back East. It is a souvenir of the day they will appreciate and enjoy. Mailed from this office for ten cents. Send in the name, the address and the money, and off they go by first mail.

It is a wild and woolly story that comes from Kansas regarding a plot to kidnap the little ones of President Cleveland's family. It is such an airy fake that even the State of Lewelling and Mrs. Lease, with all that the mention of their names implies, ought to be ashamed to father it.

The policy adopted by Tacoma to make the tramp fraternity fight shy of that town is commendable to our local authorities. It gives them a bath. Nothing wears a tramp like work or water.

The man who writes it "Xmas" should be strung up along with the man who writes it "Calif." These literary gaucheries put murder into the heart, even at Christmas time.

Boss McKane was publicly prayed for in his Sunday-school, in Gravesend, a week ago yesterday. The Committee on Prayers, in that school, understands its business.

Buffalo Bill wants to be Governor of Nebraska. As he made a million or two at Chicago last summer, he will probably have no difficulty in getting "thar."

The Santa Fe gets three receivers as a Christmas present. This is what might be termed crowding the stockings, as well as the mourners.

The weather bureau appears to have found the combination. Its guesses for the last few days have been remarkably accurate.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," but if there is to be a fight, may Corbett learn that Mitchell fellow until he sees stars.

Here's wishing every reader of The Times a "merry Christmas," and many returns of the day.

Free trade for the fellows over in the next county is the policy of the average Democrat.

The seven southern counties of California are the Pleiades of the republic.

Minister Stevens appears to sling something of a nimble quill himself.

The "sweat off time is but a week away."

AMUSEMENT RECORD.
AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

ATTRACTIONS TONIGHT.—Katie Putnam begins her engagement of four performances this afternoon at the Los Angeles Theater, appearing in her latest success "The Little Maverick," a breezy drama of Texas. She is a woman actress and a very successful one.

Grover's comedians open at the Grand in "Our Private Secretary," a clever adaptation by Leonard Grover, of the heart of the matter. The public cares little about the scabbles between the musical director and his men. There will also be a matinee at that house this afternoon.

At the Lyceum, the attraction is to be the week's attraction at the Burbank, with Darrell Vinton in the title role, supported by the entire Cooper company. Matinee at 2 p. m.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.
Out of the blue that bends above
Come Thou, O Lord! today in love,
Let seraphs chant their songs again;
Let angels sing, and let the will to love
Oh, lead us now our mother earth
By reappearing once again
By reappearing once again
How small the upward growth we show
Thou' nineteen hundred years of woe!
Have multiplied a thousand fold,
And tens of thousands feel the fate
Of Lazarus at the tomb's cold door.
They gather in their wealth untold—
And see their rusty gold
And see their rusty gold
And see their rusty gold
For all men have a right to live
Melt Thou, their gold until it runs
To feed the hungry, and to give
To clothe and warm the poor and weak
Who vainly hoard their labor's sweat.
The Pharisees in haughty pride
Still on the earth, O Lord! abide,
And claim anew the highest place
As patrons of the poor and lowly
And leave the wounded one to die.
But thanks to Thee, for now and then
There comes a Good Samaritan,
Who, with brother's heart to feel,
Binds up the cruel wounds of steel.
Speak, Lord, to souls so sad and sore:
"Go thou, O woman, sin no more."
And with Thy finger as a pen
Teach mercy to the sons of men.
We seek to later woe to cure
The gospel, Lord, is still divine.
Who, when the weary day is done,
Let prayers will blossom into deeds.
O, let the spirit of Thy word
Be in our hearts, and let us hear,
Thou men shall know their hoards of years.

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ONE FOR THE "HEATHEN."
(New York Times.) One of the stories that have drifted out of the Plaisance into the newspapers is that of a man who, having been said "I'll be at regular intervals for the natives. A pious woman, passing, accosted a young Oriental and chatted with him, finishing with a nod toward his prayer-house, and the remark: "I hope you go to church every Sunday like a Christian." "No," was the quick reply; "every day, we pray, but we only go to church on the Sabbath."

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A mass-meeting, commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the temperance crusade, was held last evening at the First M. E. Church. Short addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor, by Mrs. Ellen A. Blair, one of the crusaders, and by others. Dr. Campbell's address was in substance a history of the crusade; Mrs. Blair's remarks were in the nature of reminiscences. Both were of thrilling interest.

Dr. Campbell paid eloquent tribute to the W.C.T.U., as "the crystallized spirit of crusaders, that has come to abide with us, to work with us, to stand in the midst of our cause—the lifting of intemperance from the land, and the saving of the country from the last saloon and the curse of rum."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
The special meeting that have been held in this church the past week, by George Robert Cairns, evangelist, culminated yesterday in a series of services of an unusually interesting character.

At sunrise a prayer-meeting was held, which, in view of the heavy rain, was held in the parlors of the church. A fitting prelude to the more general services of the day.

At 9:30 a. m., during the Sunday-school hour, Mr. Cairns addressed the children for thirty minutes, on the necessity of early decision for Christ, and thus he enabled to give their entire lives to Him.

At the morning service, the large auditorium was filled to overflowing. Standing the rain that was falling, thus attesting the intense interest that has been awakened by Mr. Cairns's ministrations. The service was a most touching and beautiful one.

Edwin H. Clark rendered the hymn, "O God, our Father, even as we are," which was a new feature of the service. "Where will you spend eternity?" was sung by a male quartette, consisting of Messrs. Geo. W. Lebo, W. O. Lebo, H. Mead and John Lowe. After an appropriate Christmas anthem by the large chorus choir, led by O. W. Mead, the service was continued by the organ. Mr. Cairns announced as his text I Peter ii, 21, "Because Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps."

Mr. Cairns is a very interesting speaker, convincing in his arguments, and his illustrations are of the most apt and timely. He is a man of the people, and his appeals to men and women to accept the religion of Jesus Christ, and thus come into their true relationship with God, are of the most powerful and convincing nature.

His Son prayed, "That they may be one, even as we are one."

At 3 o'clock p. m., a goodly number of the congregation gathered for the afternoon service, appointed especially for the occasion. After a season of song, led by Mr. Cairns, he took Galatians vi, 7-8, as his text, and his subject was "The Seed of the Sower."

At 6:30 p. m., Mr. Cairns addressed a room full of young people, members of the Y. P. S. C. E., who turned out in great numbers to hear the evangelist.

The time of the regular evening service found present another goodly number of the congregation, who listened with marked attention, while he elaborated on "Sins of Modern Society," among which he enumerated the social diseases, the theater-going, and the drinking habit.

These revival services will be continued at 3 p. m. each day this week, closing next Friday night. Subject for the evening: "Los Angeles Hypocrites."

CHURCH NOTES.
The beautiful cantata, "Christ, the Lord," sung last evening at the Presbyterian Church, by a full chorus of fine voices.

Last evening at Memorial Baptist Church, where his religious and sacred songs were held at Simpson Tabernacle, last night. The pastor, Rev. C. McLean, D. D., delivered an address on "The Christmas Story."

The musical programme was very fine, including a solo by Mrs. McLean.

Last evening, at the First Presbyterian Church, the organist, Mr. Cairns, was fittingly observed by a programme of special Christmas music, given by the Sunday-school, Rev. Burt Edwards, who gave the benediction to the children, which held their close attention and was also instructive.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church was brilliantly lit up last evening, when the lights last night, when the first vesper of Christmas were celebrated. The pastor, Rev. John Gray, read selections from the Bible, and the choir sang the "Litanies of the Holy Child," which the pastor and the vested choir.

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"Another year is past," he said, "and with glad hearts we again celebrate the anniversary which tells of God's greatest and best gift to the world, in the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He was born under circumstances most unexpected—unaccompanied by any display of pomp and glory, and yet, in the presence of this wonderful display of heaven's mercy to man, in return for this marvelous love for man, who can we but adore?"

TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTH.
Notwithstanding the very inclement and threatening weather, there was a good congregation in attendance at Trinity M. E. Church yesterday morning. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Bane, preached a most interesting and instructive Christmas sermon, from Luke ii: "There was no room for them in the inn."

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list Church yesterday morning and last evening. The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Dorne, rendered some beautiful anthems. Rev. George E. Dye preached from the text, "But when the fullness of the time was come God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might inherit the adoption of sons." The discourse was full of good points, and was listened to with rapt attention. The decorations were in good taste, and the services were appropriate to the occasion. At night, Messrs. Brainard, Terrington and the choir sang. Baptism followed the sermon.

UNITY CHURCH.

A sermon on "The Pre-existence of Christ," from the text, "Before Abraham was, I am," John viii, 5-8, was preached by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Thompson, at Unity church, yesterday morning. An unity of matter is eternal, it cannot be annihilated. An atom, a molecule, of life cannot be annihilated, just as the soul cannot be destroyed. It changes its forms forever. The doctrine of the conservation of energy is the doctrine of the conservation of life. Each soul is a spark of the universal life, and, as such, must be eternal, though not infinite. We inherit our bodies from our parents, but our spirits are eternal. We are conscious of only a part of our mind. The mysteries in our bodies and spirits are beyond our power to understand. We must look for our earth life as a preparation for our eternal life. We can project our thoughts in thoughts upon a planet, in the light of what may be said about the nature of the soul. Intellectual nature is in no danger of being lost, as it is held to our spirits in our bodies. As the boy holds the rubber ball by a string, so the soul of our lives are held in God's hands, by a string. The gospel plainly teach that Christ was pre-existent before Abraham was, "I am," "That they may see the glory I had with Thee before the world began." I proceeded forth and came from God, and returned to God. Christ's doctrine of eternal life is a realization of our eternal being as a child of God. He remembered and saw his old home, and his old friends, as such phrases as this indicate "even the Son of Man which is in heaven." He was certainly a separate being from God, and yet, according to the doctrine of the gospels, the popular doctrine of the Christian church for centuries, was that Christ was God, and that He took on human form, and that He lived on earth for a certain time, and that He died, and that He rose again, and that He will come again, and that He will judge the living and the dead. In Christ's teachings, we see that He came to instruct, and to save, and to glorify. The race had passed through the stages of service and sonship; and Christ lifted the veil of the consciousness of possessing God, and all that God has made, as man is "an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ." Christ has taught a new way of life, and a new way of thinking. The doctrines of loving one's enemies and the resurrection were fancies, before Christ came. He showed us that there is something in the universe, eternal, to which we return from each existence with experience to enrich the life of the next. 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living at Roscoe, the man with the horses hitched the animals near by and built a small fire by the side of the track. The other man went out on the train, riding on top of a freight car, just behind the tender of the locomotive. The first man, he said, had provided himself with a small bottle of kerosene, and, as the train approached Roscoe, he poured about half of it on the fire, causing it to blaze up. This was the signal to his confederate on top of the car, who clambered down over the tender and the engineer at the point of a revolver, ordering him to stop the train, which he did, when two other men showed up with Winchester rifles. Smith says that he cannot account for the third man, however, who appears to have dropped out of sight immediately after the robbery, as only the tracks of two men and two horses could be found. The men then ordered the engineer and fireman to go with them, and went to the express car, when they called on the messenger to open the door, which he refused to do, whereupon it was blown open with dynamite. Smith says that the robbers were unable to open the safe, and, in consequence, got nothing for their trouble, except \$10, which they got from the engineer. Smith is of the opinion that the men became frightened, as they made off rather abruptly, and, mounting their horses, started toward the city. The detective says that he could not get horses before 4 o'clock, and, in consequence, lost much valuable time. He says that he is confident that if he could have got out at 2 o'clock he could have intercepted the men on their return to the city. He says, however, that he has a clew, and thinks he will get the men.

Sheriff Cline, and a number of his deputies were also out on the search, and the police detectives and mounted officers have been furnished with descriptions of the men.

KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT.

William Fridham, local superintendent of Well-Fargo's Express Company, when asked if he had any information about the "hold-up" case, said that he did not. All he knew about the matter was the statement in the papers that there had been a robbery. It was something with which his company had nothing to do, it being a matter entirely for the railroad people to attend to. As to any losses, if there were any, Mr. Fridham was in ignorance.

THE USUAL REWARD OFFERED.

The Southern Pacific Company has issued the following proclamation:

"SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. "United States marshals, sheriffs, minor officers of the law, and others: Southern Pacific passenger train No. 20, bound for San Francisco, was stopped by two masked men about twelve miles north of Los Angeles, near Burbank station, about 11:30 p.m., December 23, 1893. These men entered the express car, using dynamite to force the door, and robbed Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express of valuables. Following is a description of the robbers: One man about 5 feet 9 inches in height, weight about one hundred and seventy-five pounds, wore dark-colored cape overcoat, with white, low-crowned hat, had light mustache and other about same height, weight about one hundred and sixty pounds, wore dark overcoat and low-crowned hat. The robbers mounted horses and left the scene of the robbery in a northeasterly direction, horses apparently ranch horses. In addition to the standing reward offered by Wells, Fargo & Co. in such cases, the Southern Pacific Company hereby offers a reward of \$1000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of each or either of the men connected with the above-described robbery.

"A. N. TOWNE, "Second Vice-President Southern Pacific Company."

WHAT THE POSTAL CLERK SAW.

W. W. Weller, one of the postal clerks, who went up on the train, returned to the city yesterday, and was seen late last evening by a Times reporter, to whom he gave the first version of the story yet obtainable, from the standpoint of one present on the scene. To be sure, Mr. Miller, in common with his companions, cherished a due regard for his personal safety, and did not venture out of his car for observation, while the robbers held control, but, from what he heard and felt, he was able to give the following account of the "occurrence."

"Our train left Burbank on time, Saturday evening, and nothing unusual was noticed until the little station of Roscoe was neared. All at once we heard several shots, and, a few moments later, the cars were brought to a standstill. One of the boys went to the doors, with the remark that we had either been 'held up' or ditched. Upon looking out, he saw at once what the trouble was, and quickly came back inside. We all kept very quiet, and said nothing, and in a few minutes one of the robbers came along and poked his head in at the door, saying: 'You had better be still, if you want to keep out of trouble.' He was marching the fireman and engineer along in front of him, each of the latter having his hands up. Just as the man stepped away, he exploded a bomb in front of our door, by way of warning, I suppose.

"At Roscoe there is a 'blind' or half-siding, that is, a switch with one end closed by a sand bank and a heavy tie. After first stopping the train the highwaymen made the engineer run the train onto this siding, the switch having been previously opened and left in readiness. They then went directly to the express-car door and without any preliminaries or without asking Messenger Potts to open up, placed a bomb under the front door, on the right side, and blew it open. Whether or not they got anything, I do not know, but the engineer told me afterwards that they did not go away with empty pockets. From the moment the train stopped until the men made off, they kept firing off their guns at random, at least twenty or thirty shots being fired.

"It was their intention to ditch the train by running it off the end of the blind switch before leaving in order to gain time, but the engineer told them if they would agree not to do this and the fireman would go down the track for a short distance when they got ready to go and not return to the train until a signal was given. This arrangement was consented to, and after the robbers had gone a short while a shot was heard, the sound coming from some distance off, the engineer and fireman came back and the train started once more on its way. As there is no telegraph station between Roscoe and San Fernando it was some time before the news could be sent in."

"As to the amount of money or valuables taken by the bold bandits, Mr. Miller knew nothing, as he left the train at the end of his run, a few hours later. He related one amusing incident, which occurred in connection with the robbery. A constable, who lives at San Fernando, chanced to be on the train, and when he heard the firing, he thought that the trouble was between the trainmen and tramps. So he started out, and arrived at the front just in time to see one of the highwaymen hold a gun up to the engineer's ear. Still believing that it was a brakeman about to shoot a tramp, he rushed up and said: 'Don't do that, I am an officer.' By this time the constable had got close enough to realize his mistake, and he was not slow to trot away down the track as fast as his legs could carry him. In response to the request of the man with the gun to 'get,'

THE HOTEL DEL CORONADO

Wants the Earliest and Best in the Market for Its Guests.

The management will, therefore, on December 1, establish a branch purchasing agency at Los Angeles for the purpose of selecting the choicest products of this and adjoining counties.

The Hotel del Coronado has the reputation of serving the best table on the Pacific coast and the management is desirous of learning who raises and what locality yields the choicest products, so as to be able to gratify its guests.

Growers and commission men who make a specialty of superior quality of produce will do well to open correspondence with the hotel or our buyer, who, when necessary, will visit gardens and make contracts in advance.

Whenever possible, it is desired that shipments be made by express direct to the hotel, so as to get them fresh and in good order. Address Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, or Coronado Agency, 129, N. Spring st., Los Angeles.

Coronado has the warmest winter climate in California.

It is the ideal home for the tourist or invalid in search of health, pleasure or comfort. It is modern in every detail with the most delightful environments. Cuisine and service are unsurpassed.

ing the same. Just before Roscoe was reached, a light was seen ahead, and the second "tramp," as soon as he saw it, ran nimbly up the side of the car and disappeared. Soon after the train stopped.

The first intimation the engineer received that anything was wrong, was to hear the sound of the shots. Three shots were fired before he paid particular attention, and the next thing he knew was to hear an order, uttered with an oath, to shut off steam. From that time on until the train started the firing was almost incessant.

There is undoubtedly a connection between the two mysterious passengers who got off at Burbank and the strange man that led the saddle horse out of town, late Saturday evening, that will probably develop within the course of a few days.

LOCAL OFFICIALS RETICENT.

Local officials of the Southern Pacific Company in Los Angeles profess to have no authentic information whatever about the robbery. As the incident occurred on the Mojave division, which runs from the San Fernando street station in this city to Mojave, all official details would have been sent direct to the latter place but for the fact that Division Superintendent D. Burkhalter was on board the detained train and consequently personally investigated the circumstances. The superintendent of the division proceeded northward with the train as far as his headquarters, from whence he yesterday directed matters. The battered express-car was cut out of the train at Mojave and another substituted. Some railroad employees who arrived last night on the Santa Barbara train say that searching parties are on the trail of the robbers in various directions, though it is generally thought the fellows came to this city.

TO USE BLOODHOUNDS.

The following was received from San Bernardino yesterday. "In compliance with a request from Detective Will Smith of the Southern Pacific Company, Under Sheriff John C. King took his bloodhounds to Roscoe to track the robbers who held up train No. 20 at that place at 12:30 Sunday morning. Mr. King left with his dogs at 4 a. m. on Sunday, going on a special train."

A Jolly Yachting Party.

The members of Los Angeles Parlor No. 45, Native Sons of the Golden West, yesterday were the guests of Capt. D. W. Weldt, past president of Palos Verdes Parlor No. 190, of San Pedro, and were treated to a fine sailing excursion in the captain's swift pilot boat, the Lizzie Belle W. The Lizzie Belle W. is the fastest craft of her size on the Coast, and, under the guidance of her commander, afforded the visiting "natives" a jolly good time. An orchestra was on board, and added much to the general amusement. The party returned by the 4:15 train, and all voted the entire affair a great success.

THE REDONDO.

The Christmas Dinner of This Popular Hotel.

The Menu That Will Be Appreciated by Epicures, and Which Could Only Be Provided in Midwinter in Southern California.

Following is the Christmas menu of the Redondo Hotel, from which it will be seen that Manager Lynch has determined to give his guests something to remember his popular hospitality by:

CHRISTMAS MENU.

Green Turtle, Consomme Colbert.

Boiled Columbia River Salmon, sauce Crevettes.

Parissienne Potatoes, Hors d'oeuvres.

Queen Olives, Anchovies a la Huile, Celery.

Sliced Tomatoes, Boiled.

California Poulettes, Celery Sauce.

Filet de Beef, Pique, Sauce Perigord.

Volauvent aux Quenelles, Salmi of Teal Duck a la St. Hubert.

Banana Fritters au Kirsch, Punch Imperial.

Game, Leg of Antelope, sauce Anglaise.

Roast, Stuffed Young Pig, with Chestnuts.

Stuffed Young Turkey, with Cranberry Sauce.

Prime Ribs of Beef, Vegetables.

Boiled, Mashed, Stewed a la creme Potatoes.

Baked Sweet Potatoes, Asparagus.

New Green Peas, Cauliflower.

Salad, Romaine Lettuce, French dressing.

Dessert, Strawberries and Cream.

New York Plum Pudding, Rum and Hard Sauce.

Mince Pie, Pumpkin Pie.

Charlotte Russe, Tutti Frutti.

Fruits, Figs, Nuts, Raisins.

Assorted Cakes, Fromage.

Bent's Water Crackers, Tea.

Coffee.

Parisian Cloak and Suit Co.

221-SOUTH SPRING STREET-221.

... EIGHTH ... ANNUAL CLEARING SALE

No fake sale, no 10, 20, or 50 per cent. discount sale to spring on the public. We are the only house that have had these annual and semi-annual clearance sales for the last eight years, and the ladies of this section know just what to expect. This is not a sale of small significance, but the ...

Ever inaugurated on the Pacific Coast. Each and every garment in our house has always been marked in plain figures, and among the THOUSANDS OF BARGAINS you will find cuts like these:

Greatest Slaughter Sale ...

Ever inaugurated on the Pacific Coast. Each and every garment in our house has always been marked in plain figures, and among the THOUSANDS OF BARGAINS you will find cuts like these:

\$1.00 Feather Boas—
—What there is left
—will be slaughtered at
... 39c

\$1.00 Children's Gossamers—
—Only a few left,
—will be slaughtered at
... 39c

\$1.00 Ladies' Calico Wrappers—
—Will be slaughtered
—at
... 49c

\$1.50 and \$2 Children's Jackets—
—Broken sizes,
—will be slaughtered at
... 69c

\$2 Russian Coon Neck Scarfs—
—Will be slaughtered
—at
... 89c

\$2.50, \$3, \$4.50 Baby Cloaks—
—Will be slaughtered
—at
... 98c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns—
—Would bring more at
—auction
... \$1.29

Ladies' Silk and Cashmere Waists—
—Sold as high as \$6.00,
—to be slaughtered at
... \$1.98

Ladies' All-wool Suits—
—CHILDREN'S All-wool SUITS,
—to be slaughtered at
... \$1.98

WE HAVE NO MORE TIME TO QUOTE PRICES!
BEAR IN MIND—
No Goods Reserved!

But everything will be sold at these prices as long as one is left. Visit the fake sales—examine their goods and prices—then come to us posted and you can appreciate our values.

The Same Slaughter Prices
Will hold good in our Dress Goods, Silk and Kid Glove Departments.

J. T. SHEWARD

113 and 115 NORTH SPRING-ST.

Consider it Well—

Our ... Cloak Dept.

Is the only one in this city carrying out strictly legitimate business methods for cloak selling.

One Price to All! Plain Figures!

When a discount is given it is for all; no one is specially favored. The goods are honestly represented; you will not be told a cloak is all wool when it is not all wool. Our salespeople are instructed to miss a sale rather than misrepresent a price or quality. We believe there is enough good trade to justify good, square, honest methods, and we believe at last we have salespeople who will carry out our ideas for doing business. We are selling

ALL Cloaks, Capes, Shawls, Fans

At a big reduction from the regular price.

Everybody who buys an article in our Cloak Department partakes of this reduction, and they get the same uniform reduction.

All \$20 Cloaks now \$15.00
All \$15 and \$16.50 Cloaks now \$12.50
All \$10 Cloaks now \$7.50
All \$7.50 and \$7 Cloaks now \$6.00
All \$6 Cloaks now \$5.00
All \$5 Cloaks now \$4.00

Now is the Time to Buy Cloaks.

When you buy a cloak look at the mark. The best and most reliable houses throughout the country are marking their goods in plain figures; they are the successful houses. We give no premiums on cloaks to our salespeople to get more than an article is marked; we pay them one salary. If a reduction is made we make it to the customer direct; we give no special discount to one and deny another. Square, upright, honest business methods. What is the result? We sell more cloaks than any two of the largest concerns in the city; we do it on less expense. Facts worth considering.

Remember

Every Cloak of every kind—
Every Cape of every kind—
Every Shawl of every kind—

Is Cut in Price!

and The Cut is Big!

Remember, all buy at the same price in our Cloak Department.

Children's Cloaks from \$2.50 up—
are cut in price.

Misses' Cloaks from \$3.50 up—
are cut in price.

Ladies' Cloaks from \$3.50 up—
are cut in price.

The original marks are still on the goods, and from this the prices are cut. You can see what you are doing. You cannot afford to stand still and allow a snake to fasten his poisonous fangs in your flesh; you cannot afford to buy a cloak from any house that hides their prices under a fictitious mark. You should know what you are paying for; you should know the price is a legitimate one; you should know that the strictest reliability is the safest basis upon which to buy your wraps. We treat all alike. Now—big reduction sale of cloaks. No forcing, no urging; you are free to come, free to look and free to go elsewhere if you are not suited. This is the big cloak house of the city, the biggest in sales in Southern California.

NOW!
Big Reduction Sale of Cloaks.



CITY BRIEFS

NEWS AND BUSINESS.

The Weather.
U. S. Weather Bureau, Los Angeles, Dec. 24, 1893.—At 5 o'clock a.m. the thermometer registered 30.14; at 5 p.m., 30.18. Thermometer for the corresponding hours showed 47 deg. and 47 deg. Maximum temperature 52 deg.; minimum temperature 48 deg. Character of weather, cloudy. Rainfall past 24 hours, .14 inches; rainfall for season, 2.45. Barometer reduced to sea level.

There will be two performances at the Grand Opera house today (Christmas), a souvenir matinee at 2 and the evening performance. The comedies "Our Private Secretary" and "Our Boarding-house" are announced for the week. The Groves appear in both cases and at both performances. Popular prices are the order and the event bids fair to be a merry one.

A relief map of Southern California, as constructed by Fred J. Behre, will be exhibited at the Midwinter Fair. The work will show the exact locations and also the comparative elevations of the mountains, valleys and rivers of this part of the State. The map will probably be exhibited in this city before it is sent North.

First Baptist Church—A rare Christmas entertainment at 7:30 this evening, conducted by George Robert Cairns, evangelist, who will tell what he knows about Los Angeles hypocrites. Admission free, everybody invited. See account of yesterday's services on another page.

A few minutes from Echo Mountain House will take you to the snow, maple, sugar parties and turkey dinners through Christmas week and thereafter. Now is the time to visit the mountains. See Los Angeles Terminal and Mount Lowe Railway time-cards.

The closing exercises of Occidental College took place Thursday afternoon. A number of recitations were rendered by the pupils. An oration by Mr. Collier deserves special mention. The services closed with a selection by the orchestra.

Do you need a tonic or blood purifier? At this time of year Bellan's La Grippe Cure is the best thing you can get. It will straighten you up and keep you in health.

The finest photographs in the city at greatly reduced prices. Cabinets, 75 cents per dozen, for a short time only. Lamson's Studio, No. 313 South Spring street.

Frank D. Lanterman and Walter M. Patrick have formed a partnership, in the real estate and insurance business, with offices in the Workman Block.

Enamel-finish cabinets, \$1 per dozen. We maintain our reputation for fine work. Bijou Studio, No. 221 South Spring.

For good single, double and tally-ho turnouts, at reasonable rates, go to the St. George Stables, No. 510 South Broadway. J. L. Sanderson, proprietor.

For a useful Christmas present, buy one of Whitney's trunks or traveling bags. Factory, No. 34 North Main street. The Dewey Gallery leads. One dollar per dozen—\$2 for the best cabinets, none better. No. 147 South Main street.

The Library dining-parlors, Christmas dinner. Plum pudding and turkey. No. 216 South Broadway.

A special line of velvet hats at the New York Bazar, No. 148 North Spring street. List your proper for sale or exchange with Charles Victor Hall, Stimson Block.

Mantels, tiles, office fittings, hardwood lumber. H. Bohrmann, 514 S. Spring.

Grand discount sale at Kan-Koo this week. See ad. this page.

Martin's Camp, Wilson's Peak, will be open all winter.

Campbell's Curio Store for Christmas novelties.

Dr. W. C. Brown, removed to Stimson Block.

Dr. Burnett, removed to Stimson Block. Electric heater, C. T. Paul's, 130 S. Main. Dr. Bennett, removed to Downey Block.

There are undelivered telegrams at the

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Western Union telegraph office, corner of Court and Main streets, for Jennie Adams, John C. Brown, George P. Adams, T. P. Fraser, R. B. Doane and Mr. Hoffman.

The City Council will meet this morning at 10 o'clock, when an adjournment will be taken until tomorrow morning at the same hour.

Street Superintendent Watson yesterday sent to the Salvation Army a quarter of beef and fifty loaves of bread as a contribution to the Christmas dinner for the poor.

On account of rain the opening game of baseball did not come off at Athletic Park yesterday, but if arrangements can be made, the opening game will be played this afternoon at 2 o'clock, weather permitting.

The infant daughter of John O'Hanlon died yesterday morning of spinal meningitis. The little sufferer was partially paralyzed several days ago, in which condition she remained until death relieved her sufferings.

The Times will give its annual Christmas dinner to its newsboys at the Hollenbeck cafe this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Aull has made special arrangements for the occasion, and the youngsters will be entertained in fine style.

The rain commenced again about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and continued at intervals throughout the day, literally pouring down at times. The fall, up to 5 p.m., was .61 of an inch, bringing the total for the season up to 2.8 inches. No damage was reported from any section.

The report that Asst.-Dist.-Atty. Dupuy would resign on the first of the year has been confirmed. His resignation was as was reported in The Times, and while nothing official has been given out as to the causes, it is believed that it is for political reasons, in connection with the District Attorney's Congressional aspirations.

A smoke in the pawnshop of Mrs. Ferner, at Main and Commercial streets, at about 8 o'clock last night, caused quite a crowd to collect in front of the place. Officer Conley effected an entrance by a side door, and found a fire started in the rear of the store. A quantity of hot ashes, which it is thought contained some live fire, had been emptied into a wood-box earlier in the day, and the box left standing on the wood floor. The fire had burned a hole through the bottom of the box, and also through the floor. It was put out by a pail of water. No alarm was turned in.

PERSONALS.

Henry Over and wife of San Diego were among yesterday's arrivals at the Nadeau. Mrs. L. M. Bigelow and her son, J. M. Bigelow of San Francisco are stopping at the Westminster.

E. Wadsworth of New York, who has a large number of friends in this vicinity, arrived in the city yesterday and is stopping at the Hollenbeck.

James W. Hamble of Marshalltown, Iowa, arrived in the city a few days ago to spend the winter, and is visiting his son, M. B. Hamble of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Hamble is accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Essie.

O. Hermance, a New York capitalist, is at the Westminster. Mr. Hermance visited this city two years ago and will probably remain for a while during this trip.

Mrs. J. X. Seaton, W. W. Harris and daughter, and J. C. Bicknell and son, all of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived on yesterday's Santa Fe overland and are among the guests at the Hollenbeck.

Shot at by a Burglar.
John W. Francis, the capitalist, of No. 615 South Main street, was shot at by a masked man, supposed to be a burglar, Friday night. Mr. Francis had been to the concert at Simpson Tabernacle, with a party of friends, and, after the entertainment, went to Mr. Francis's house for lunch. While they were in the dining-room Mr. Francis stepped out on the porch, and saw a man in the yard. The intruder called out, "Come in here," and as Mr. Francis stepped forward, the man fired a shot and ran, dropping his mask, which was secured. Mr. Francis blew his police whistle, and several officers responded, but the would-be assassin had escaped. The police have been investigating the case, but so far have been unable to get a clew.

Have High.
Excellent hotel accommodations "can now be had at 'Echo Mountain House,' open the year round. Grand views, more sunshine, with purer air and water than in any other spot on earth. See timetable Terminal and Mt. Lowe Railways. Three trains daily, four on Sundays.

GOOD SONOMA and Napa Zinfandel, 50c per gallon. Abadie & Appel, wholesale wine merchants, No. 130 West Fifth street.

DON'T almost kill yourself by violent purgatives. Take Stomach's Liver Regulator, a mild laxative.

CAPT. HARTIGAN.

Death of the City Editor of the Durango Herald.

DURANGO (Colo.) Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.) Mansel Mitchell, ran, city editor of the Durango Herald, has died of pneumonia. He was a graduate of West Point, and for the last five or six years had been employed on newspapers in Colorado.

250 ENVELOPES, 50c; 1/4 ream writing paper, 25c. Langstaffer, 214 West Second.

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Today is merry Christmas. Yuletide, a Saxon pagan festival adopted throughout Christendom as the anniversary of the birth of Christ, is now a day of religious services and good dinners and the giving and receiving of presents. The universal interchange of gifts, the tokens of affection and friendship, marks the most generally observed of all holidays. All are happy in being remembered.

Be happy and remember this week we offer the following discounts:
Silk Handkerchiefs, Smoking Jackets, Ladies' Gowns and Silk Dress Goods, 10 per cent; Bronzes, 20 per cent; Lacquer, 20 per cent; Leather, Mexican leather not included, 25 per cent; Baskets, 25 per cent; Rugs, 10 per cent; Rattan Furniture, 10 per cent; Japanese and Chinese Bric-a-brac, 25 per cent.

Heavy discount on large pieces. This is an opportunity you should not lose. This sale lasts till Saturday, Dec. 30, KAN-KOO, 110 S. Spring street, opposite the Nadeau Hotel.

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Men's Shoes

Mr. Hewes's specialty was the line of J. S. Turner's Men's Fine Shoes, and they range in price from \$5 to \$8 a pair. All you have to do is to multiply the price that Hewes asked by 65 cents and you will get the selling price of the shoe with us today.

For Instance:

Mr. Hewes's \$8 shoe is sold by us at 8 times 65 cents, or \$5.20; his \$5 shoe is sold by us at 5 times 65c, or \$3.25, and soon down the line. The acknowledged high-class of J. S. Turner's Men's Fine Shoes should cause every man in Southern California in need of a pair of shoes to

Come to our stores and purchase at once.

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Wright & Peters are the equal of any shoemaker in the world, and in their grades, from

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Stand without a peer. Those who have patronized Mr. Hewes for years in this line can almost buy two pairs for the price that he asked for one.

Childr's Shoes

Dugan & Hudson manufacture the finest lines of Children's Shoes in the world. At 65 cents on the dollar you are buying them lower than the most inferior make on the market. Your children need shoes—bring them in and have them shod. You will pay 25 per cent. more for these goods when the new spring lines come. It will be impossible to sell you shoes of these makers after the present stock is gone at any such price.

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Advertise these lines and let this stock go at just what we paid for it. Now if you appreciate such action on the part of a mercantile house, all we ask in return is your patronage. If you do not believe the truth of the assertions we make, or lack confidence in our integrity and methods of doing business, we certainly do not ask your trade. While we wish your patronage, we do not want it unless it is accompanied with your fullest confidence in our wares and business methods.

TUESDAY

When our stores reopen for business, our entire stock will have been marked down in accordance with the express orders of our Mr. S. A. Hamburger, who is here from New York, and whose instructions are that the stock be decreased fully \$100,000. The 1st of February we have an extraordinary heavy payment to meet, and that date we take our annual inventory. The purchase of the Hewes stock and several other minor stocks made during the past month, has swelled the volume of our stock considerably beyond its ordinary size. In the past two months we have simply been availing ourselves of all needy merchants who were obliged to part with their goods for ready money, and the fact is that we have depleted our treasury. We will start a sale of our entire stock. We will not expect to get its original cost during the month of January, and will ask of you a special favor during that month to call and see us first when filling your wants, and we'll save you large amounts of money in their purchase. The greatest sacrifice will be made in our Dress Goods, Domestic and Cloak Departments. All our Pattern Suits and Fall Dress goods will be cut in price beyond recognition. Our Cloaks will be sold at less than cost of material and making. We have in contemplation the removal of our Crockery Department after the first of the year to the basement salesroom, and several other changes in the interior of our store, and all these add zest to the necessity of reducing this stock. We cannot go into detail or enumerate price today, but suffice it to say that we have not been idle, and that instructions have gone forth to the heads of the departments to lop off everything in sight in the way of a profit and to let their stuff go at less than cost, and to sell all they possibly can during the month of January.

STORE WILL BE CLOSED TODAY!

NEXT SUNDAY!

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